the subsidy works out to Rs. 3643/-per tonne.

(b) The gap between indigenous availability and assessed demand for urea is met through imports.

(c) The details of consumption and import of urea during the last three years are as under:

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	Consumption	Imports (on Govt, account)
1992-93	149.06	18.57
1993-94	158.10	28.08
1994-95 (Estimated)	172.80	28.70

(d) During 1994-95, there was a total expenditure of Rs. 5241.02 crores on fertilizer subsidy in respect of controlled fertilizers. For the current year, a Budget provision of Rs. 5400 crores has been made for the same purpose.

National Watershed Development Project

*100. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Watershed Development Project for rainfed areas has not made enough progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what progress, year-wise, since 1990-91-to-date have been made/financial allocation utilised and results achieved, State-wise; and

(d) whether States were apprised by the Centre of the objectives of the project and required funds for execution of NWDP ensured/provided to them, if so with what result?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) has made significant progress since its inception in the year 1990-91.

Under the Project, 115 model watersheds, one in each of these agro-climatic zones in the country, have been accorded technical approval by the Ministry. The rest of the watersheds have been patterned on these model watersheds. In all 2497 micro whatersheds have been sanctioned so far.

(c) The Year-wise and State-wise statements of physical and financial progress are at Annexure *(See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 18)

(d) Yes, Sir. The States have been apprised of the objectives of the project and required funds for execution of the project have been provided. Till date, Rs 712.808 crores have been released to 25 States and 3 Union Territories and a total of 2,497 micro-watersheds covering an area of over 40.35 lakh hectares are under various stage of development.

Delegation to Australia and Japan to Study the mining system

604. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three members delegation of his Ministry had recently paid a visit to Australia and Japan;

(b) if so, whether any in-depth study of the mining system and use of latest technologies in these countries has been made;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the other achievements made by the delegation during their visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. A three member delegation of Ministry of Steel headed by me visited

Australia and Japan last month. During the visit, discussions were held with the concerned bodies *inter-alia* to promote bilateral trade and investment relations. The delegation also had an opportunity to observe the technologies being utilised in the sectors of coal mining and steel making.

Koraput Frozen Semen and Embryo Transfer Laboratory

605. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM
CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the setting up of the Koraput Frozen Semen and Embryo Transfer Laboratory will be completed soon, and if so, when will it start functioning;

(b) the manner and the extent to which it is likely to have a favourable effect on cattle breeding; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage large scale cattle breeding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The work of setting of a Frozen Semen and Embryo Transfer Laboratory in the Central Cattle Breeding Farm, Sunabeda (Koraput) has been completed. The Laboratory will enable processing of semen and production of embryo which will be made available for the genetic improvement of cattle.

(c) Large scale breeding of cattle has been made possible by introducing facilities for processing and freezing of semen and by embryo transfer in some of the Central Cattle Breeding Farms.

"आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड स्कीम" का मुल्यांकन

606. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज** :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) वर्ष 1987 में शुरू की गयी "आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड स्कीम" पर मार्च, 1995 तक कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गयी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस स्कीम के परिणामों का कोई मूल्यांकन किया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो देश में मार्च, 1995 के अंत तक इस स्कीम के अधीन कुल कितने प्रतिशत प्राथमिक विद्यालय लाभान्वित हुए है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने अब उच्च प्राथमिक स्कूलों के लाभ के लिए भी इस स्कीम को कार्यान्वित करने का निर्णय लिया है; और

(ड) यदि हां, तो आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक देश में कुल कितने प्रतिशत प्राथमिक और उच्च प्राथमिक विद्यालयों को लाभ पहुंचाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) मार्च, 1995 के अंत तक संचयी व्यय 1247 करोड़ रु0 है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।